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U.S. Coast Guard Snapshot

A summary of facts and figures about America's Coast Guard

The United States Coast Guard has been a proud member of the Department of Homeland Security since its creation on March 1, 2003.

DHS Vision: Preserving our freedoms, protecting America. . .we secure our homeland.

DHS Mission: We will lead the unified national effort to secure America. We will prevent and deter terrorist attacks and protect against and respond to threats and hazards to the nation. We will ensure safe and secure borders, welcome lawful immigrants and visitors, and promote the free-flow of commerce.

DHS Strategic Goals: Awareness, Prevention, Protection, Response, Recovery, Service, and Organizational Excellence

Coast Guard Culture

Character: The Coast Guard is a military, multi-mission, maritime organization dedicated to protecting the lives, safety, and security of the American public.

Core Roles: Maritime Security, Maritime Safety, Maritime Mobility, Protection of Natural Resources, and National Defense

Core Values: Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty

Coast Guard Motto: Semper Paratus - Always Ready

Key Leaders

DHS Secretary: Hon. Michael Chertoff

CG Commandant: ADM Thomas H. Collins

CG Vice Commandant: VADM Terry M. Cross

CG Chief of Staff: VADM Thad W. Allen

Master Chief Petty Officer of the CG: MCPOCG Frank A. Welch

Coast Guard History

"A few armed vessels, judiciously stationed at the entrances of our ports, might at small expense be made useful sentinels of the laws." FEDERALIST PAPER 12

- 1790: "Revenue Marine" created within Treasury
- 1863: "Revenue Cutter Service" established
- 1915: Revenue Cutter Service combines with the U.S. Lifesaving Service (1848) to create the Coast Guard
- 1939: U.S. Lighthouse Service (1789) added
- 1946: Steamboat Inspection Service (1838) added
- 1967: CG transferred to Department of Transportation
- 2003: CG transferred to Department of Homeland Security

Coast Guard Demographics as of January 1, 2005

Workforce Totals	Ethnicity (%)	Commissioning Source (%)
• Civilian: 6,715	• Hispanic: 8.5	• Academy: 43.9
• Officers (incl CWO): 7,646	• Non-hispanic: 91.5	• OCS Reserve: 20.2
• Enlisted: 31,452	Married (%)	• Prior Enlisted: 14.2
• Reserve: 8,178	• Enlisted: 58.0	• Direct Commission: 10.4
Active Duty Workforce	• Officer: 75.6	• Prior CWO: 6.0
Gender (%)	Average Age (Years)	• EAD: 5.3
• Men: 89.1	• Officers: 36.1	
• Women: 10.9	• Enlisted: 28.9	
Diversity (%)	Average Time in Service (Years)	
• Non-minority: 80.1	• Officers: 13.6	
• Minority: 19.9	• Enlisted: 7.8	

On an average day, the Coast Guard...

- Saves 15 lives, assists 117 people in distress, and protects \$2.8 million in property in 90 search-and-rescue cases
- Interdicts 30 illegal migrants at sea
- Seizes \$21 million worth of illegal drugs
- Conducts 122 security boardings and 192 law enforcement boardings
- Guides 2,557 ships in and out of port

Coast Guard Basics

- Active Duty: 39,098
- Reserve: 8,178
- Civilian: 6,715
- Auxiliary: 35,920
- Cutters: 232 (12 HECs, 30 MECs, 99 PBs)
- Aircraft: 198 (95 HH-65s, 41 HH-60s, 33 C-130s, 20 HU-25s, 8 MH-68s)
- Boats: 1,795
- Shore Units: 981 (9 Districts, 22 Air Stations, 42 MSOs, 44 Groups, 2 MLCs, 171 Stations, 6 Sectors)

CG Budget

FY 05 Budget:	\$7.58B
Operating Expenses (includes pay)	\$5.19B
Acquisition, Construction & Improvement	\$1.0 B
Reserve Training	\$113 M
Research, Development, Testing & Evaluation	\$18.5M
Mandated Spending	\$1.22B

Mission Breakout

(by % of FY 04 operating expenses)

Port Security	26%
Aids to Navigation	14%
Living Marine Resources	8%
Search and Rescue	9%
Drug Interdiction	12%
Marine Safety	6%
Ice Operations	3%
Marine Protection	3%
Migrant Interdiction	8%
Defense Readiness	8%
Other Law Enforcement	3%

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Major Initiatives

FY 06 Budget

President Bush requested 8.15B for the Coast Guard to accomplish the following priorities:

- *Recapitalize the Coast Guard:* Continue the urgently needed recapitalization of our cuttersour cutters, boats, aircraft and support infrastructure to reverse declining readiness trends and enhance operational capabilities to meet today's maritime safety and security threats.
- *Implement Maritime Strategy for Homeland Security:* Continue actions to secure our maritime ports and implement global security standards in the United States through increased operational presence, robust response posture, and comprehensive awareness of activities within the maritime domain.
- *Enhance Mission Performance:* Leverage the Coast Guard's unique blend of authorities, capabilities, competencies and partnerships to accomplish our stated performance goals in the post-9/11 environment.

Maritime Homeland Security Strategy

The Coast Guard Maritime Homeland Security Strategy incorporates the Coast Guard's unique law enforcement and military authorities and capabilities combined with increasing capacity and state, local, and international partnerships into a multi-agency, layered operation to reduce maritime security risks through the principles of awareness, prevention, protection, and response. Our ability to accomplish this rests on four pillars of Enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness, Creating and Overseeing the Maritime Security Regime, Increasing our Operational Presence to Enhance Deterrence, and Improving our Response Posture. This strategy translates into initiatives such as the Intelligence Fusion Centers, MTSA regulations, and creation of the rapid-response Maritime Safety and Security Teams, and maritime airborne use of force.

Deepwater

The Deepwater Program is the largest and most comprehensive recapitalization program in the Coast Guard's history and modernizes the service's force of cutters, aircraft, and boats and the command and control and logistics systems that support them. Most current assets will reach the end of their projected service lives by 2010, and the Coast Guard is experiencing system failures at a steadily increasing rate. The attacks of 9/11 have fundamentally changed the demands placed upon the Coast Guard. The Deepwater solution is a system of systems approach that provides the Coast Guard with vital capability to detect, intercept, and interdict threats in all maritime areas, from the ports to the high seas, to meet these new challenges.

Sectors

A single point of contact for all maritime stakeholders, whether they be DHS partners, other government agencies, commercial port operators or the general public is imperative in this time of rapid coordination, intelligence sharing and response. However, with a few exceptions, Coast Guard Command and Control nodes have traditionally been separate, functionally organized commands with various units reporting to them that perform respective operational missions. Largely, Marine safety offices handle marine safety, security, and environmental response and Coast Guard Groups handle all other CG operational missions. Each command is responsible for their particular missions within a certain geographic Area of Responsibility and has a separate CG command center that provides communications and direction to the unit commanders. The Sector Initiative unifies these CG operational commands along the key processes of prevention and response. These changes will bring increased effectiveness and efficiency to the performance of all our missions through streamlined and communications with the creation of a single command center and command authority and efficiency especially to the performance of all our missions through streamlined and improved communications with the creation of a single command center and command authority.

Career Opportunities

Officer (recruiting approx 700 in FY 05 for the following specialties):

- Operations (Afloat and Ashore)
- Aviation
- Legal
- Marine Safety and Security
- Engineering
- Intelligence
- Finance and Supply

Enlisted (recruiting 4110 in FY 05 in the following categories):

Deck and Ordnance Group

- Boatswain's Mate
- Gunner's Mate
- Operations Specialist

Hull and Engineering Group

- Damage Controlman
- Electrician's Mate
- Electronics Technician
- Machinery Technician

Aviation Group

- Aviation Maintenance Technician
- Aviation Survival Technician
- Aviation Electrical Technician

Administrative and Scientific Group

- Food Services Specialist
- Health Services Specialist
- Information System Technician
- Marine Science Technician
- Public Affairs Specialist
- Storekeeper, Yeoman

Coast Guard information on the Web

DHS: www.DHS.gov

CG website: www.uscg.mil

CG Recruiting: www.gocostguard.com

CG Academy: www.CGA.edu

Civilian Careers:

www.uscg.mil/hq/cgpc/cpm/jobs/vacancy.htm

Deepwater: www.uscg.mil/deepwater

Boating Safety: www.uscgboating.org

CG Volunteers: www.cgaux.org

News: www.uscg.mil/news/

Rescue: www.uscg.mil/rescue21

In your community: www.uscg.mil/community

CG Race Team: www.coastguardracing.com

